

Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An electromagnetic driving unit for a loudspeaker assembly, comprising:

a magnet part, and

a coil part having a single coil that is configured to be suspended adjacent the magnet part and translatable along a translation axis with respect to the magnet part, the magnet part including:

two permanent magnets that are configured to magnetically cooperate with the coil,

an intermediate magnetic pole element that is sandwiched between the permanent magnets when viewed along the translation axis of the coil part, and to form a single pole piece that includes a pole face that is magnetically directed towards an inner face of the coil ~~part~~, and

two external magnetic pole elements,

wherein:

the permanent magnets and the intermediate magnetic pole element are sandwiched between the external magnetic pole elements, and

the external magnetic pole elements include pole faces that are magnetically directed towards an outer face of the coil ~~part~~.

2. (Previously presented) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the coil part is situated between the two external magnetic pole elements.

3. (Currently amended) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the coil ~~part~~ includes a cylindrical coil having a coil axis that extends parallel to the translation axis of the coil part.

4. (Previously presented) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the two permanent magnets of the magnet part are magnetized in directions parallel to the translation axis of the coil part, the magnetization direction of the one magnet being opposed to the magnetization of the other magnet.

5. (Previously presented) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the pole elements are made of a ferromagnetic material.

6. (Previously presented) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the pole faces of the external magnetic pole elements are formed by edge portions inclining towards the coil part.

7. (Currently amended) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the pole face of the intermediate magnetic pole element includes an inclined surface that has a radial dimension from the translation axis that increases from the permanent magnets towards a central portion of the pole face, ~~viewed along the translation axis of the coil part.~~

8. (Previously presented) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the pole face of the intermediate magnetic pole element is a substantially convex surface.

9. (Currently amended) A loudspeaker assembly comprising:

- a frame,
- a diaphragm, and
- an electromagnetic driving unit that includes:

a magnet part, and

a coil part that ~~is~~includes a single coil that is configured to be suspended adjacent the magnet part and translatable along a translation axis with respect to the magnet part,

the magnet part including:

- two permanent magnets,
- an intermediate magnetic pole element that is sandwiched between the

permanent magnets when viewed along the translation axis of the coil part,and to form a single pole element that includes a pole face that is magnetically directed towards an inner face of the coil~~part~~, and

two external magnetic pole elements,

wherein:

the permanent magnets and the intermediate magnetic pole element are sandwiched between the external magnetic pole elements,

the external magnetic pole elements include pole faces that are magnetically directed towards an outer face of the coil~~part~~, and

the diaphragm is attached to the coil part of the driving unit and is flexibly connected to the frame.

10. (Previously presented) The loudspeaker assembly of claim 9, wherein the diaphragm is fixed to the coil part in an area extending between the two external magnetic pole elements.

11. (Previously presented) The loudspeaker assembly of claim 9, wherein the diaphragm extends from the coil part in a substantially radial direction with respect to the translation axis of the coil part.

12. (Previously presented) The loudspeaker assembly of claim 9, including an enclosure.

13. (Previously presented) The loudspeaker assembly of claim 9, including a suspension device that is configured to support the diaphragm at an area between the coil part and an outer rim of the diaphragm.

14. (Previously presented) The loudspeaker assembly of claim 13, wherein the suspension device includes one or more blade springs.

15. (Currently amended) The loudspeaker assembly of claim ~~9~~ 13, including a flexible connection between the outer rim of the diaphragm and the frame, wherein the suspension device provides a cantilevered support relative to the flexible connection to suspend the coil adjacent the magnet part.

16. (Currently amended) The driving unit of claim 1, wherein the coil ~~part~~ includes a cylindrical coil having a coil axis that coincides with the translation axis of the coil part.